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For: HOLLOW TUBE BODY FOR MEDICAL )  
TOOL AND A CATHETER INTO )  
WHICH THE HOLLOW TUBE BODY IS )  
INCORPORATED ) Mail Stop AF

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 41.33(a) and 1.116**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 41.33(a) and 1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.